

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 2 shows a partial section of a tire mold and more particularly of a mold shell 4 (that is to say a part having a molding surface 41 intended to mold the outer surface of a tire sidewall). This shell 4 comprises a housing or recess 5 opening on to the molding surface and within which there is placed an insert 3, the external contour of which is adapted to fit closely along the inner contour of the housing. Means for fastening the insert in its housing during the molding operation are provided but not shown here.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The bottom 330 of the cavity is divided into three parts: a central part 331 and two lateral parts 332, 333, the central part being separated from the lateral parts by ribs 334 and 335 protruding from the bottom and extending into the cavity 310. The ribs 334 and 335 define a subcavity 310a within the cavity 310.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

In the process according to the invention, a layer of rubber mix 201 of a first color is arranged ~~on the central part~~ in the subcavity 310a of the cavity 310 of the insert 300, and on this first layer is arranged a second layer 202 of a second color different from the first. The volume of the first layer 201 is intended to be

substantially less than the ~~partial~~ volume of the ~~cavity 310~~ subcavity 310a defined by the ribs 334 and 335; the presence of these ribs makes it possible to obtain an excellent transition between the first and second colors of the motif after molding. The total of the volumes V1 of the layers of different colors is less than the volume V0 of the cavity.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

The result obtained with the process of the invention can be seen in Figure 5, which shows a partial section through the surface of a black tire 100 on which is molded a motif 120 having two different colors other than black that are visible to an observer of the motif. That is, the subsequently-deposited layer 120 projects beyond a periphery of the earlier-deposited layer 122 as can clearly be seen in Figs. 4 and 5. Overall, the molded motif is very slightly in relief relative to the outer surface 102 of the tire; this motif is surrounded by grooves 103 and 104. A first limit 111 is visible on this section between the two layers of mixes of different colors 121 and 122 constituting the motif 120; the lateral ends of this limit 111 open into two grooves 124 and 125 molded by the ribs 334 and 335 present on the bottom of the cavity of the insert. A second limit 110 can be seen between the black mix forming the tire 100 and the mix 121 of the motif; this limit 110 opens into the grooves 103 and 104.